Subject: Napolean medal valuation

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Director Metropolitan Museum -
New York City -

Dear Sir -

I am the owner of a Napoleon medal or coin - a gift to my father in the "60's", of the time Napoleon III visited this country - he was entertained by my father - & and upon his return to France - sent the medal to him as a token of esteem - It was accompanied by an invitation & visit France as his guest -

I would like to get some idea of the value of this coin - as

I think it is a Museum piece.
It was made, so I am told, at the
order of the Emperor — on special occas-
ions — it is of virgin gold — containing
900.00 — mint of gold — is very handsome
Napoleons profile on one side, his
exploits on the reverse — in french.
it fits in a morocco case —
It has been exhibited at our Fairs
at different times and always
created great interest — I would
like to know if it is very valuable
in fact — I know it is — but would
like an authentic opinion,
Am I presuming too much
in writing to you? I know of
no other authority, Possibly

you could direct me to some one if you are not in a position to give me this information —

I will greatly appreciate an answer. Thanking you in advance — I am

Sincerely —

Mrs E. M. Barnes —

Mr. Kent

July 16th, 1929

Mrs. E. M. Barnes,
956 Piedmont Ave., N.E.
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Dear Madam:

Your letter to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been turned over to me for reply.

Your Napoleon medal is always worth its gold value. How much more is problematic. From a collector and dealers view point, it would have little above the gold value, as sentiment does not enter into the collecting of medals. If you really want to dispose of it, I would suggest taking it to some of the big New York Auction Rooms such as Anderson Art Galleries, 59th St and Park Avenue, or American Art Galleries, 30 East 57th Street, N.Y. Items like yours sell better at the regular auction rooms than in numismatic circles.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

H.W.